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SUBJ: CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

REF: STATE A- 2755

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED MATERIAL CONTAINED REF AIRGRAM WITH BOTSWANA'S
SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON 9 MAY. EMBOFF PRESENTED COPIES
OF
CONFERENCE SUMMARY RECORDS AND FINAL ACT AND COMMENTED ON
DIPLOMATIC
NOTE AND COPY OF CONVENTION WHICH EMBASSY DELIVERED TO OFFICE OF
THE
PRESIDENT ON 8 MAY.

2. SEC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SAID HE SAW " NO PROBLEM" IN BOTSWANA SIGNING
CONVENTION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW IMPORTANCE COUNTRY PLACES ON WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION. HE PROMISED TO CONSULT WITH CONCERNED PARTIES(I. E.
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY - WHICH HAS
RESPONSIBILITY FOR WILDLIFE MATTERS) AND INFORM EMBASSY OF DEVELOP-
MENTS.

3. BEGIN FYI. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPT CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF
IMPORTANT MATTERS: OAU MEETING, EEC NEGOTIATIONS, COMMONWEALTH
CONF.
ETC. IT LIKELY THAT, WHILE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION IS CONSIDERE
D
SIGNIFICANT BY GOB, MORE PRESSING BUSINESS WILL FORCE IT INTO BACK-
GROUND - AT LEAST IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PROD
GOB ON THIS SUBJECT AND IT IS POSSIBLE BOTSWANA MAY COMPLETE NECES-
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SARY INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS AND SIGN CONVENTION BEFORE END OF
1973. END FYI. NELSON

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